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Sir,

An Office action was issued in the above-referenced utility patent application on July 23, 2004. In accordance with the practice outlined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.112, Applicants request that the application be amended as directed below, and further request that the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- · Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.